

**CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 223 - SB 540**

April 26, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Stipulates that general sessions judges in first class counties shall be paid 97.5% of the salary of a circuit court judge.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On March 16, 2005 we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating a *decrease in local government expenditures exceeding \$65,000*. Based upon additional information obtained by staff, there are significantly more counties that would be affected by the bill and a significantly different resulting fiscal impact. The estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

**(Corrected Fiscal Note)**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000**


Assumptions:

- For the purposes of this bill, first class counties are those with a population exceeding 49,000. Currently, 26 counties in the state qualify.
- General sessions judges in qualifying counties currently make between \$102,000 and \$118,500.
- General sessions judges in Shelby County currently make \$115,431.
- Circuit Court judges will make \$118,548 in FY05-06.
- All general sessions judges in qualifying counties will make \$115,584 next year according to the provisions of this bill.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director